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Supplemental Amendment dated October 7, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 4 and 6 through 14 remain in this application. Claim 14 is cancelled herein, and claim 5 has previously been cancelled. Claims 15 through 22 have been added.

In general, the present Supplemental Amendment seeks to add further claims that are submitted to define over the cited patents.

In particular, the new claims are believed to emphasize the position and function of the spray delivery assembly of the invention, which is able to mount to and bridge between the two arms of the handle assembly of a lawn mower, which gives the fluid spraying system a highly compact nature when mounted on a lawn mower, and positions the spray conduit in a manner that makes it less vulnerable to damage when being mounted and moved about on a lawn mower. Further, the spray conduit is simultaneously able to provide support to the container holding the fluid to be sprayed on the ground.

Further, the claims set forth the structure of the container that permits the bulk of the container to being supported below the cross member, rather than above the cross member, which enhances the balance of the lawn mower with the invention installed. Significantly, the claimed structure does not position the weight of the fluid at a location high up on the handle assembly, which can throw the balance of the lawn mower off, especially when the user presses down on the handle assembly while pushing the mower to lift the front of the deck of the lawn mower to turn the lawn mower or lift the front of the mower over obstacles. Positioning the weight of the fluid high on the handle assembly can cause such instability. Since the structure of the claimed invention is less likely to cause such instability, the container of the invention is able to hold more of the fluid.

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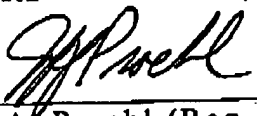
Generally, the claimed invention permits a highly compact and integrated system that is easily installed on and removed from a lawn mower because multiple mounting points and long stretches of tubing extending between different locations on the lawn mower are avoided.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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